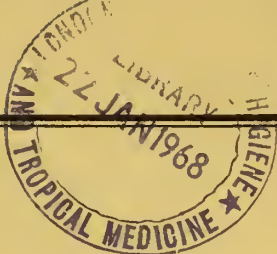


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Ampthill Rural District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

for the

YEAR 1965

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and of the

Public Health Inspector

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE AMPHILL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health, vital statistics and sanitary conditions of the District for the year 1965.

The trend of the vital statistics, which one must never fail to point out is based on small numbers and therefore subject to wide fluctuations, continues to be satisfactory.

As in previous years there have been difficulties in maintaining satisfactory standards of refuse disposal and emptying of cesspits due to conditions of full employment, but on the whole the difficulties have been overcome.

I am grateful to you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, for the interest you have shown in the work of the Department during the year. Amongst my colleagues, I must pay special thanks for help received from Mr. Armour, Mr. Foley and Mr. Daniel.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. DARLOW,

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1966.

Amphthill Rural District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for 1965

1. OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT :—

Medical Officer of Health: A. R. DARLOW, T.D., M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.C.H.,
D.T.M. & H., BARRISTER AT LAW.

Chief Public Health Inspector : W. J. FOLEY, F.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector: L. DANIEL, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

2. GENERAL STATISTICS RELATING TO THE DISTRICT :—

Area.. .. 62,552 acres

Population :—

Census for 1961 26,010

Registrar General's estimate of home population mid-year 1965 .. 29,410

Number of inhabited houses 9,844

Rateable value (1st April, 1965) £935,018

Sum represented by a Penny Rate £3,730
(est.)

3. SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA :—

The character of the district is changing radically. It was previously essentially agricultural, centred on noble country seats. Although agriculture still forms the greatest industry, others are encroaching. The largest are the brickworks at Marston and Ridgmont and the Hunting Engineering Works which has moved from Luton to Houghton Conquest. There are light engineering factories at Cranfield and Aspley Guise, a brush works at Flitwick and a tool factory at Westoning, the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering at Silsoe, the College of Aeronautics at Cranfield, and the R.A.F. Aerodrome and Training Centre at Henlow (in Biggleswade R.D.). Woburn Abbey, the country seat of the Duke of Bedford, might almost be called an industry in itself.

Many villages now serve as dormitories for people working in Bedford, Luton, London and other such towns.

4. VITAL STATISTICS.

							Males	Females	Total
Live Births—Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	331	303	634
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	16	32
Total							347	319	666

Crude Birth Rate 22.6 per 1,000 home population

Adjusted Birth Rate 23.3 do.

(The comparability factor for the District being 1.03)

As compared with :—

Average of last 5 years	18.7	per 1,000 home population
Adjusted Rate for Bedfordshire ..	21.0	do.
Rate for England & Wales ..	18.1	do.

							Males	Females	Total
<i>Still Births</i> —Legitimate .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	5
Illegitimate .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
Total ..							3	2	5

Still Birth Rate 7.5 per 1,000 live and still births

As compared with :—

Average of last 5 years	21.0	do.
Rate for Bedfordshire	13.1	do.
Rate for England & Wales ..	15.7	do.

Deaths—

							Males	Females	Total
Deaths in the District .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	94	106	200
Transferred into District ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	46	98
Transferred from District ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	13	21
Total ..							138	139	277

Crude Death Rate	9.4	per 1,000 home population
Adjusted Death Rate	9.3	do.
(The comparability factor for the District being 0.99)		

As compared with :—

Average of last 5 years	10.2	per 1,000 home population
Rate for Bedfordshire	10.2	do.
Rate for England & Wales ..	11.5	do.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age—

							Males	Females	Total
Legitimate .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	4	9
Illegitimate .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	—	1
Total ..							6	4	10

Infant Mortality Rate 15.01 per 1,000 related live births

As compared with :—

Average of last 5 years	12.7	do.
Rate for Bedfordshire	18.4	do.
Rate for England & Wales ..	19.0	do.

Deaths connected with Childbirth—

Maternal Mortality Nil.

As compared with :—

Average of last 5 years	0.38	per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
Rate for Bedfordshire	Nil	do.
Rate for England & Wales ..	0.25	do.

The vital statistics show a slight difference from last year but as these are proportionate statistics based on only a few cases, too much must not be read into them. The important thing is that over five years they continue to be satisfactory.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1965

Cause of Death	Total all Ages		Under 4 weeks		4 weeks & under 1 year	Age in Years												65—		75+	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	1—	5—	15—	25—	M.	F.	35—	M.	F.	45—	M.	F.	55—	M.	F.
1 Tuberculosis, respiratory ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9 Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Malignant Neoplasm—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
stomach	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3
10 lung, bronchus	11	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	1
11 breast .. ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
12 uterus .. ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
13 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
14 Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	11	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	..	2	2
16 Diabetes .. ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
17 Vascular lesions of nervous system	20	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
18 Coronary disease, angina	33	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	6	8	11	13	34
19 Hypertension with heart disease .. ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	4	10	..	13
20 Other heart disease	17	18	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
21 Other circulatory disease	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
23 Pneumonia	11	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	1
24 Bronchitis	9	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	8	1
25 Other diseases of respiratory system .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	1	1
26 Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
28 Nephritis & nephrosis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
29 Hyperplasia of prostate	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
31 Congenital malformations	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
32 Other defined & ill-defined diseases	10	9	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	5
33 Motor vehicle accidents	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
34 All other accidents	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
TOTALS	138	139	5	1	1	3	1	..	..	2	1	2	1	20	13	3	41	35	56	81	81

CAUSE OF DEATH IN INFANTS

	M.	F.
Pneumonia	1	—
Congenital malformations	—	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	2

5. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AREA (County Council Service).

Domiciliary Nursing and Midwifery Service:—

The nurses employed are:—

Aspley Guise, Aspley Heath, Battlesden, Eversholt, Milton Bryan, Potsgrove, Tingrith, Woburn, Husborne Crawley, Ridgmont Gravenhurst	Mrs. M. Perry Tel.: Woburn Sands 3351
Higham Gobion, Shillington, Silsoe	Mrs. L. Draper Tel.: Hexton 539
Millbrook	Miss S. P. Green Tel.: Hexton 246
Clophill, Haynes (part), Maulden	Mrs. L. E. Stockbridge Tel.: Ampthill 2261
Haynes (part)	Mrs. P. R. Aspinall Tel.: Ampthill 2045
Flitwick, Steppingley, Flitton	Miss D. M. Collie Tel.: Shefford 356
	Mrs. B. M. Chinnock Tel.: Flitwick 276
	Miss Y. Stevenson Tel.: Flitwick 293
Cranfield, Hulcote and Salford, Lidlington	Miss M. Rubin Tel.: Cranfield 394
Marston Morteyne	Mrs. V. J. Omojola Tel.: Lower Shelton 398
Houghton Conquest (midwifery only)	Miss F. K. Patton Tel.: Kempston 2079
Houghton Conquest (general nursing only)	Mrs. N. Goldthorpe Tel.: Ampthill 2082
Westoning, Harlington, Pulloxhill	Mrs. H. Wilkinson Tel.: Toddington 472

Health Visiting Service :—

Houghton Conquest, Haynes, Maulden, Clophill, Westoning and Harlington	Mrs. B. K. Groom
Cranfield, Marston Morteyne, Millbrook	Miss E. V. Maberly
Hulcote and Salford, Lidlington, Aspley Guise, Husborne Crawley, Ridgmont, Steppingley, Aspley Heath, Woburn, Eversholt, Tingrith, Potsgrove, Milton Bryan, Battlesden	Miss K. French
Shillington, Gravenhurst, Higham Gobion	Miss S. P. Green
Silsoe, Flitton, Pulloxhill	Mrs. V. Smith
Flitwick	Mrs. M. Hopkinson

Home Help Service :—

ORGANISER: MRS. V. M. Van Berckeleer, Health Centre, Union Street,
Bedford. Tel. Bedford 52207.

6. LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS :—

Building Byelaws.
Slaughter Houses.

Water Regulations and Charges.
Sale and delivery of food.

7. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(a) WATER SUPPLY

The water supply of the area is the responsibility of the Mid-Bedfordshire Water Board, who make regular checks of the purity of the water. As the Rural District Council still seem to have some responsibility in the matter, copies of the reports are received and typical results follow.

PULLOXHILL WATERWORKS

(Chemical results in parts per million)

Appearance: Clear and bright	
Turbidity: Nil	Colour: Nil
Odour: Nil	pH: 7.3
Free Carbon Dioxide: 13	Electric Conductivity: 380
Dissolved Solids: 270	Chlorine present as Chloride: 16
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate: 150	Hardness: Total 200
	Carbonate: 150 Non-carbonate: 50
Nitrate Nitrogen: 0.0	Nitrite Nitrogen: 0.01
Ammoniacal Nitrogen: 0.00	Oxygen absorbed: 0.00
Albuminoid Nitrogen: 0.00	Residual Chlorine: 0.05
Metals: Iron—0.14; Zinc, copper, lead and manganese—absent	
Fluoride (F): 0.35	Silica: 28

BUCKS. WATER BOARD

(Chemical Analysis—Treated Water—parts per million)

Source: Birchmoor	Date taken: 21st January, 1966
Appearance: Clear	pH: 6.6
Colour: Less than 5	Turbidity: Less than 1
Ammonia Nitrogen: 0.060	Albuminoid Nitrogen: 0.012
Nitrite Nitrogen: Nil	Nitrate Nitrogen: 5.6
O ₂ absorbed from Permanganate (3 hrs. at 37°C): Nil	Free CO ₂ : 23
Carbonate Hardness: 45	Alkalinity as CaCO ₃ : 45
Total Hardness: 88	Non-Carbonate Hardness: 43
Calcium as Ca: 30	Total Solids (dried at 180°C): 160
Sulphate as SO ₄ : 16	Magnesium as Mg: 3
Silica as SiO ₂ : —	Chloride as Cl: 23
Iron, as Fe: Total—Nil	Residual Chlorine: 0.2
Fluoride: 0.25	

BACTERIOLOGICAL TESTING

Tests from all public supplies are taken regularly and have proved satisfactory throughout the year.

PARTICULARS OF NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES AND
POPULATION WITH PIPED SUPPLY.

PARISH				POPULATION (CENSUS 1961)	NUMBER OF HOUSES	SUPPLIED BY MAINS DIRECT	SUPPLIED BY STANDPIPE	SUPPLIED BY WELL
Aspley Guise	..	..	..	1921	698	695	3	—
Aspley Heath	..	..	..	490	163	163	—	—
Battlesden	..	..	..	54	17	14	—	3
Clophill	..	..	..	1056	370	332	33	5
Cranfield	..	..	..	2501	910	885	22	3
Eversholt	..	..	..	450	166	154	12	—
Flitton	..	..	..	572	237	223	13	1
Flitwick	..	..	..	3604	1568	1558	10	—
Gravenhurst	..	..	..	474	186	174	9	3
Harlington	..	..	..	862	616	614	1	1
Haynes	..	..	..	801	285	270	14	1
Higham Gobion	..	..	..	28	7	7	—	—
Hulcote and Salford	..	..	..	207	69	65	2	2
Houghton Conquest	..	..	..	875	345	327	18	—
Husborne Crawley	..	..	..	382	135	131	2	2
Lidlington	..	..	..	917	332	310	18	4
Marston Morteyne	..	..	..	1928	599	570	27	2
Maulden	..	..	..	1618	583	548	30	5
Millbrook	..	..	..	145	55	51	2	2
Milton Bryan	..	..	..	146	53	46	6	1
Potsgrove	..	..	..	69	18	18	—	—
Pulloxhill	..	..	..	648	260	242	11	7
Ridgmont	..	..	..	808	231	209	22	—
Shillington (including Lower Stondon)	..	..	..	2787	924	844	77	3
Silsoe	..	..	..	672	304	287	16	1
Steppingley	..	..	..	243	69	54	15	—
Tingrith	..	..	..	114	46	45	1	—
Westoning	..	..	..	792	286	279	5	2
Woburn	..	..	..	846	312	296	15	1
				26010	9844	9411	384	49

RAINFALL.

1965 MONTH	TOTAL INCHES	GREATEST RAINFALL IN 24 HOURS		NO. OF DAYS WITH .01 " OR MORE	NO. OF DAYS WITH .04 " OR MORE
		INCHES	DATE		
Pulloxhill Pumping Station—					
January	1.52	0.30	9th	15	11
February	0.19	0.05	22nd	6	3
March	2.01	0.71	20th	18	12
April	1.69	0.42	27th	17	9
May	1.9	0.30	4th	17	11
June	2.17	0.64	7th	16	11
July	3.28	0.55	23rd	20	17
August	2.74	0.88	2nd	15	11
September	3.83	1.04	3rd	17	11
October	0.59	0.27	31st	6	3
November	2.77	0.4	7th	18	16
December	3.79	0.42	1st	19	17
	26.48				
Wrest Park, Silsoe—					
January	1.67	0.32	9th	19	11
February	0.63	0.21	16th	11	4
March	1.49	0.63	20th	13	10
April	1.71	0.28	27th	17	11
May	1.62	0.36	4th	18	12
June	1.88	0.49	7th	14	9
July	2.83	0.62	19th	21	13
August	2.44	0.83	2nd	11	11
September	3.29	0.99	3rd	16	11*
October	0.49	0.25	31st	4	2†
November	2.48	0.42	28th	18	14
December	3.35	0.35	22nd	18	16
	23.88				

* Highest †Lowest since 1950

Average Rainfall for England and Wales during 1965 was 39.1 inches.

RAINFALL IN PREVIOUS 10 YEARS

Year	Birchmoor (Woburn)	Pulloxhill	Average England and Wales
1955	20.53	24.06	30.9
1956	25.14	27.16	34.2
1957	23.24	22.31	35.4
1958	29.03	29.55	40.5
1959	21.55	18.50	31.7
1960	32.54	30.90	46.1
1961	22.27	22.30	34.4
1962	22.15	19.95	31.1
1963	20.56	20.39	33.5
1964	15.84	14.39	27.8
1965	26.29	22.61	39.1

(b) SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

At the end of the year there are 8,106 houses with water closets, the remaining 1,738 houses have pail closets.

A breakdown of these figures shows that in the 13 parishes with main drainage 6,423 houses have water closets and 653 have pail closets, these being mainly in the newly sewered parishes where conversions have not yet taken place.

In the other 16 parishes 1,683 houses have water closets and 1,085 houses have pail closets.

The rate of conversion is extremely slow in some of the newly sewered parishes.

(c) DRAINAGE

6,535 houses (66.4 per cent) in the district now have main drainage. 1,827 houses (18.5 per cent) are drained to cesspools. This leaves some 1,582 (16 per cent) with unsatisfactory means of drainage, either to soakaways, ditches, etc., or with no means of drainage at all.

(d) SEWERAGE

Thirteen parishes, i.e. Aspley Guise, Aspley Heath, Clophill, Cranfield, Flitwick, Harlington, Houghton Conquest, Lidlington, Marston, Maulden, Silsoe, Westoning and Woburn now have main drainage.

The joint scheme for Gravenhurst, Shillington and Lower Stondon was commenced during the year and should be completed by 1967. Ministry approval for the Haynes scheme was received during the year.

Schemes for Husborne Crawley and Ridgmont and for Flitton and Pulloxhill have been submitted to the Ministry for approval. Preparation of schemes for various other parishes is now under way.

(e) CLEANSING

(i) PAIL COLLECTION AND CESSPOOL EMPTYING SERVICE

Closet pails are emptied once a week throughout the district, with the exception of areas where the sewer is available.

There are 1,738 houses with pail closets and 1,827 houses with cesspool drainage. Cesspools are emptied on request from the occupiers free of charge. Disposal of the contents of cesspools presents serious difficulties, many miles having to be travelled to disposal sites in gravel and sand pits in isolated parts of the district. The help of local farmers has been sought to allow disposal on agricultural land, but in very few cases has it been possible to arrange this.

The incentive bonus scheme inaugurated towards the end of the previous year has worked well and increased the turnover of work, but it was still found necessary to employ an outside contractor for about half the year. The new sewerage schemes should substantially reduce the work load in future, but new houses are continually being built in some areas with cesspool drainage.

(ii) REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse collection is carried out fortnightly throughout the district, this frequency of collection is to be improved if possible, but so far apart from a slight improvement during part of the summer months it was not possible to do so. The most serious drawback is still the labour situation. Staff is difficult to recruit and keep, and delays in collection are inevitable at times.

The incentive bonus scheme inaugurated towards the end of the previous year increased the turnover of work and very slightly improved the service during part of the summer but has made no appreciative difference overall.

It was hoped that additional labour could be attracted, but this did not materialise, and with the increase in properties the position will again deteriorate unless additional labour can be recruited. A further new continuous loading vehicle was purchased during the year.

(f) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS MADE :—

Public Health Act :—

Complaints	52
Where nuisances were found	4
Drainage	93
Cesspools	46
Cleansing	63
Caravans	131
Infectious Diseases	4
Pig Sties	8
Places of Entertainment	8
Water Samples	18
Water Supply	4
Smoke Control	2
Accumulations	2
Immigrants	20

Housing Acts :—

House to House Surveys	1106
Preliminary Surveys	29
House Inspections	53
Revisits	137
Complaints	24
Rent Act 1957	—
Housing Applications	2

Food and Drugs Acts :—

Slaughterhouses	11
Butcher's Shops	27
Cafes	16
Bakehouses	16
Licensed Premises	88
Ice Cream Premises	21
Meat Inspection	521
Inspection of Other Foods	8
Canteens	1
Grocers	94
Greengrocers	3
Confectioners	11
Fried Fish Shops	3
Mobile Shops	4

Factories Act :—

Inspections	4
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Prevention of Damage by Pest Act 1949 :—

Rodent Control	101
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Offices, Shops, Railway Premises Act 1963:—

Inspections	20
Miscellaneous Visits	77
Inspections of Council Houses	448

3,228

The following is a summary of nuisances and defects upon which action has been taken during the year :—

Number of defective premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Premises with defective closets	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
" " " walls	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
" " " drainage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
" " " plastering	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
" " " stairs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
" " " roofs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
" " " chimney stacks and fireplaces	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
" " " guttering and downpipes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
" " " doors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
" " " windows	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
" " " cesspools	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
" " " offensive accumulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

NOTICES :—

Served. Completed. Outstandg.

Number of Statutory Notices served under the Housing Act, 1957	..	..	..	..	..	1	—	1
Public Health Act, 1936	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	—
Number of informal Notices served under the Housing Act, 1957	..	..	..	..	..	—	—	—
Public Health Act, 1936	..	..	..	..	..	46	38	8
Food and Drugs Act 1955	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	1
Factories Act, 1961	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	—

Rent Act 1957 :—

Number of Disrepair Certificates	..	..	..	—	—	—
Number of Intentions to Serve	..	..	..	—	—	—

(g) SWIMMING POOLS

(a) Public Pools. There are no public pools owned by this Authority.

(b) Privately owned and open to the public:—

EVERSHOLT.—This open-air swimming pool is provided with an efficient chlorinating plant. Seven samples taken during the summer season were satisfactory.

WOBURN.—This open-air swimming pool is provided with an efficient chlorinating plant. Seven samples taken during the summer season were satisfactory.

(c) Private Swimming pools.

HAWNES SCHOOL, HAYNES PARK.—An open-air pool is provided for this girls' boarding school. A natural spring gives the pool a continuous flow, and an efficient chlorinating plant is provided. Samples taken during the season have shown that the plant is functioning satisfactorily.

THE KNOLL SCHOOL, ASPLEY HEATH.—An open-air pool is provided for this boy's boarding school. It was not possible for this pool to be used due to the shortage of water in the Buckinghamshire area.

(h) RODENT CONTROL.

The Council's sewers, sewage disposal plants, sewer ditches and refuse tips are systematically treated.

The Council gives a free service to domestic premises, and occupiers in the main make good use of this facility. The need for reporting the slightest infestation of these disease carrying vermin cannot be overstressed. A flat rate charge of 12s. 0d. per hour of the Operative's time is made to the occupiers of business premises. This flat rate includes wages, travelling expenses and cost of poison and bait.

During the year the following inspections and revisits have been carried out and treatments given where necessary:—

1,011 Domestic Properties; 40 Business Premises; 555 Council Properties (excluding Council Houses); 912 Sewer Ditches and 69 Surveys of Agricultural Properties. Total: 2,587.

8. HOUSING

Slum Clearance Programme

During the year the Council has made one Closing Order in dealing with unfit houses included in the current programme.

Owners were prepared to give Informal Undertakings to demolish in eight cases and to close in two cases and these were accepted by the Council.

8 tenants were rehoused from Slum Clearance Properties during the year.

At the end of 1965 out of 199 properties on the second five year programme 128 have been dealt with as follows:—

Action by the Council	28
Informal Undertakings accepted	77
Properties demolished voluntarily	12
Properties reconditioned, etc.	11

9. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There were 5 licensed slaughterhouses in use during the year.

There were 19 slaughtermen licensed under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933-54 during the year.

(b) MEAT INSPECTION.

Total number of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected— 3,027.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part :—

	Cattle.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed	530	1	17	1463	1016	—
Number inspected	530	1	17	1463	1016	—

All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :

Whole carcases condemned	—	—	1	—	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	21	1	1	9	43	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ..	3.96%	100%	11.76%	0.61%	4.33%	—

Tuberculosis only :

Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	8	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	0.78%	—

	Cattle.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
<i>Cysticercosis :</i>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected by cysticercosis	0.19%	—	—	—	—	—

Details of parts found unsound:—

9 Beast Livers (Flukes)	3 Pig Kidneys (Cysts)
9 Beast Livers (Abscesses)	2 Pig Kidneys (Nephritis)
1 Beast Liver (Hydatid Cysts)	2 Pig Livers (Cirrhosis)
1 Beast Head (C. Bovis)	2 Pig Livers (Parasitic)
1 Beast Liver (Bact. Necrosis)	18 Pig Livers (Milk Spot)
1 Cow Liver (Flukes)	8 Pig Heads (Tuberculosis)
1 Cow Lungs (Cysts)	16 Pig Hearts (Pericarditis)
1 Calf Lungs (Pneumonia)	3 Pig Lungs (Pneumonia)
1 Calf Carcase & Offal (Immaturity)	5 Sheep Livers (Flukes)
1 Pig Carcase & Offal (Abscesses)	2 Sheep Livers (Fatty Infiltration)
32 lb. Pig Hind (Bruising)	2 Sheep Lungs (Abscesses)

(c) FOODS CONDEMNED

67 lb. Bacon, 32 lb. Pork, 28 lb. Frozen Pig Kidneys, 10 tins Meat, 24 tins Vegetables, 4 tins Fruit, 3 tins Milk, 2 tins Fish.

Disposal of Condemned Food

All condemned meat is stained before removal from slaughterhouses and processed for animal feeding purposes or buried under supervision.

Other condemned foods are removed and buried on the Council refuse tips under supervision.

(d) HYGIENE OF FOOD PREMISES.

Number and type of food premises :—

Bakehouses	11
Butchers	19
Cafes	8
Fried Fish Shops	2
Grocers	80
Greengrocers	4
Confectioners	15
Works Canteens	6
Wholesalers	2
Licensed Premises	85

232

Registered premises, under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 :

Number of Shops registered for the sale of Ice Cream	89
Number of Licensed Premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream	28
Number of Premises registered for the manufacture of Preserved Meats	12

Inspection of Registered Food Premises.

116 Inspections of registered ice cream premises have been carried out during the year.

The standard of hygiene of these premises is very good and frequent visiting was found to be unnecessary.

With reference to the Ice Cream (heat treatment, etc.) Regulations 1959, there are no manufacturing premises within the district and with the exception of two registered premises all retail pre-packed ice cream.

16 Inspections of registered preserved meat premises have been carried out during the year, revisits being made as necessary.

The standard of hygiene of these premises has improved considerably and is now satisfactory.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960.

Number and type of food premises:—

Category of Trade	No.	Fitted to comply with Reg. 16	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	Fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Bakehouses ..	11	9	11	11
Butchers	19	18	19	19
Cafes	8	7	8	8
Fried Fish Shops	2	2	2	2
Confectionery ..	15	10	12	12
Greengrocery ..	4	4	4	3
Grocers	80	71	75	73
Licensed Premises	85	82	85	84
Ice Cream Merchants	2	2	1	1
Clubs	2	2	2	2

During the year it was possible to visit practically all the food premises in the district. The standard of hygiene, with one or two exceptions was quite satisfactory.

10. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifications by Age Groups.

DISEASE	UNDER 5	5—15	OVER 15	TOTAL	REMOVED TO HOSPITAL
Measles	125	148	9	282	—
Scarlet Fever	2	4	1	7	—
Whooping Cough	2	3	—	5	—
Infective Hepatitis	—	1	2	3	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	1	1	1
Erysipelas	—	—	1	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	2	2	—

TUBERCULOSIS IN AGE GROUPS.

Age	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 year to 5 years .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5 years to 15 years .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 years to 35 years .. ..	..	1 + 1*	..	..	..	..	..	..
35 years to 65 years	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Over 65 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	1	2 + 1*	—	—	—	—	—	—

*Transferred from another District.

NUMBER ON REGISTER AT END OF YEAR.

PULMONARY :—

50 males, 34 females.

NON-PULMONARY :—

7 males, 8 females.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

A mobile Unit visits The Sands, Woburn Street, Ampthill once a week for half-an-hour and during this time patients sent by their doctors can quickly be X-rayed.

11. IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION.

Vaccination against anterior poliomyelitis, whooping cough and diphtheria, is the responsibility of the County Council and has been carried out at child welfare clinics and in the schools.

There were no cases of poliomyelitis during the year.

Immunisation against tuberculosis by B.C.G. is offered to school leavers and is given in the schools.

CLEANSING OF VERMINOUS PERSONS.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 85

Lice.

No treatments were given under this Section this year.

The bulk of the cases which might call for treatment is in school children with lousy heads who are always treated informally by the school nurse.

There is an arrangement with the Borough of Bedford to treat general infestations at Barker's Lane, Bedford, at a cost of 30s. per treatment for adults and 17s. 6d. per treatment for children.

Modern treatment of scabies no longer necessitates cleansing under this Section.

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925, and Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

No necessity for action under these regulations arose during the year under review.

12. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (Section 47).

It was not necessary to use this Section during the year.

13. FACTORIES.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1.—**INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	2	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	76	17	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority *(excluding out-workers' premises)	53	1	—	—
Total	131	18	2	—

2.—**CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.**

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecution were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.) ..	2	2			
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—				
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.) ..	—				
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ..	—				
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—				
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	3	1		3	
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—		1	
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—		—	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—				
Total ..	5	3		4	

Part VIII of the Act.

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel— Making, etc. ..	57	—	—	—	—	—

* *i.e.*, Electrical Stations (Section 103 (1)), Institutions (Section 104), and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

